MEDIA ADVISORY

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SoundCorps to help recover Puget Sound
Veterans hired to clean up the Sound

OLYMPIA— Media and members of the public are invited to join Commissioner of Public Lands Peter Goldmark and other officials on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at the Port of Tacoma's Gog-le-hi-te wetland mitigation site to celebrate the launch of the new Puget SoundCorps.

Who: **Peter Goldmark,** Commissioner of Public Lands Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Ted Sturdevant, Director of Ecology
Bill Anderson, Director Citizens for a Healthy Bay
John Lee, Washington Veteran Affairs Director
Veteran Crews, Puget SoundCorps

What: Celebrating the creation of the new Puget SoundCorps and restoration work at the Gog-le-hi-te wetland. SoundCorps crews, including newly hired veterans, will be removing invasive weeds and replanting native plants at the site.

When: **Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 9:30 a.m.**

Where: Port of Tacoma-Gog-le-hi-te wetland mitigation site (see directions)

Who we are
The 2011 Washington Legislature passed a measure that folded all existing Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) activities into the state Department of Ecology. This new consolidated program serves the following state agencies:

- Department of Natural Resources
- Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

This multi-agency effort has created the new Puget SoundCorps within WCC. SoundCorps crews work on projects on state lands that help restore and protect Puget Sound. The SoundCorps creates jobs while effectively and efficiently helping carry out the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda—the single playbook for prioritizing and focusing Puget Sound recovery and protection efforts.

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